

Northwest District Council

March 28, 2012.

Meeting Minutes

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Attendance:

Steve Deters, Aurora Ave Merchants.
Ellen Hewitt, Green Lake Community Council.
Rick Klingele, Greenwood Community Council.
Velva Maye, Haller Lake Community Club.
Ann Bowden, Phinney Neighborhood Association.
Irene Wall, Phinney Ridge Community Council.
Joan Caldon, North Seattle (Greenwood) Boys and Girls Club.
John Curtis, 36th District Republicans.
Gloria Butts, Broadview resident.
Matt Carroll, Windermere Realty.
Janice Dillworth, PNA Village.
Ron Hornung, Green Lake resident.
Ben Katt, Awake Church/Aurora Commons.
Patricia Leach & Lori Underwood, Volunteers of America Greenwood Food Bank.
Summer Mohrlang, Sanctuary Church / Green Bean Café.
Karen Schneider, Homestep / Compass Housing Alliance.
Jacqueline Sorgen, Greenwood resident.
Karen Spiel, Seattle Public Library.
Gretchen Bruce, Committee to End Homelessness.
Rob Mattson, City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods staff.

Introductions / Agenda Review / Approval of February 22, 2012 NWDC Minutes:

Steve Deters asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect the correct spelling of his name and then moved and Ellen Hewitt seconded a motion to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

Rick noted a number of upcoming events and passed out information about them. He also distributed a draft of the new NWDC brochure for discussion later in the meeting.

King County 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness - Gretchen Bruce:

Plan was originally conceived in 2000 but was officially launched in 2005 with participation of business and civic leaders, mayors of most of the cities in the region, a number of large nonprofits and funders. There is also a consumer advisory council. It has become a model across the country; there are **now 200 ten-year plans nationally**. The economic environment is different now than it was in 2005 but significant progress has still been made. A lot of time was spent last year reviewing goals & progress.

The plan emphasizes housing first and coordinating client care programs. Studies have shown that housing and coordinated care results in a reduction in the use of emergency services, including jail time, sobering center,

psychiatric hospital days and psychiatric emergency days, as a result, amounting to \$3.5 million/year in offsetting costs. A goal of the plan is to fund 9000 units of new homeless housing; 4500 have been achieved so far.

A review established three categories of recommendations:

- Overarching priorities including:
 - Maintaining the production of housing through a mix of capital development and leased housing.
 - Establishing measurements to regularly assess the status of homelessness in King County and hold the committee and county accountable.
 - Continue to build the political will to tackle the issue.
- Make use of federal opportunities including:
 - National Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.
 - Five-Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness.
 - Health Care Reform.
- Local System Change"
 - King County Five-Year Plan to End Veterans Homelessness and address their complex needs with partnerships and cross system connections.
 - Homeless Families Initiative to streamline entry into housing and coordinated care.
 - Transform the single adult shelter system to one that emphasized placement in permanent housing.
 - Focus the young adult system on housing, education, employment and a emphasis on prevention and cross-systems connections.
 - Increase access to housing among immigrants, and refugees through partnerships among culturally focused agencies and homes housing providers.

The goal is not to do it all but to give other groups the realization that we can all do it together.

Note: During the meeting, Gretchen was asked about the study that charted reduction in use of emergency services and how many individuals that represented. After the meeting, Gretchen emailed to say that it was 112.

PNA Village –Janice Dillworth:

The PNA Village is an aging-in-place program, modeled after a program in Boston. There are ~70 villages nationwide. It's intended to provide coordinated access to affordable services that will help seniors remain in their homes as they age. The program was in the planning stage for three years, launched in January 2012 and will begin providing services in April 2012. The program offers services in three program areas:

- A network of volunteer helpers to assist with tasks that range from minor home repairs to transportation to shopping assistance.
- Information and referral to a vetted list of service providers and vendors.
- Social activities to help village members stay connected their community.

The program is membership based and is open to anyone in a catchment area that runs from 50th - 105th streets, Aurora to 15th Ave NW. **Associate** membership is available to people living outside of those boundaries and includes all services except the volunteer assistance. Specific services will evolve based on what members want. Membership fees and additional information is available at www.phinneycenter.org/village.

826 Seattle – On the agenda but not present (illness).

North Seattle (Greenwood) Boys and Girls Club – Joan Caldon:

Joan has been the operations manager since August. North Seattle is one of 40 King County B&G sites, including 3 in Seattle city limits north of the canal. It is a diverse club -- 222 members that include families living on Aurora, immigrants and higher income families from Blue Ridge. Seattle Public Schools provides transportation for students from 23 schools. The program relies heavily on **volunteers** and has information about its corporate sponsorship program online: www.ns.PositivePlace.org.

NWDC Brochure:

A draft passed around and discussed. It was agreed that the design might be simplified by eliminating the intertwined circles. It was suggested that the photo of the pedestrian bridge might not be the best choice given its current state of health. It was suggested to use organization names without contact names so that the brochure would be less vulnerable to obsolescence.

Emergency Preparedness:

Joan inquired about the current state of emergency preparedness. Rick asked about the level of emergency preparedness in each neighborhood. Broadview has made some progress on the block level and has prepared two hubs. Greenwood, Phinney, Haller Lake (and probably Licton Springs, not present) have had some training for individuals but are weak on the block/neighborhood level. Green Lake is working with Wallingford and has created two hubs. In Ballard, the District Council has taken on oversight and has developed communication training and disaster medical training. Most neighborhoods could use some help getting the residents talking and community councils seem the logical place for that. Rick noted that funding is available from the Department of Neighborhoods for disaster preparedness.

Round The Room:

The City Neighborhood Council busy writing letters:

- They have asked for a citizen oversight committee if the **library levy** passes.
- They have asked for information and measurable goals to evaluate the **neighborhood plans**.
- They have noted that there is a problem with the process that is being conducted in reviewing a **Living Building** Pilot project in Fremont because the project is being reviewed contingent on legislation that has yet to be discussed / passed. They have asked that the review wait until the legislation is completed.

The Phinney Ridge Community Council has a new issue with the zoo which is planning a event similar to Pt Defiance Zoo Lights. Proposal is still being worked on.

Broadview:

Work on Linden has been delayed due to high bids.

March CC meeting was co-sponsored with Tilth.

Sidewalks – took 58 years but north side of 125th now has sidewalks.

April 19 – Broadview Historical Society will participate in spring clean at the Library

Dunn Gardens – several fundraisers and lectures planned – wine taste – May 20

June – celebrating anniversary of Broadview school

Haller Lake:

June 7 – Celebration of 90th anniversary of Haller Lake Community Club facility

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Next meeting: April 25, 2012 @ 7 pm. Greenwood Senior Center, 525 N 85th Street.

Sally Clark will speak, likely on the 2012 Action Plan

(http://www.seattle.gov/council/attachments/2012/2012_action_plan.pdf).